

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able
(text in bold read in unison)

Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SENTENCES

* OPENING HYMN: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" # 589

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart,

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

* CONFESSION OF SIN - UCC BOW (Responsively)

Most holy and merciful God: we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

We confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people.

We confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

We confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in our daily life and work.

We confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

We confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us, accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(Traditionally placed on the forehead; if you would prefer to have them placed on the back of your hand, please indicate this as you come forward by extending your hand in front of you)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

HYMN: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" # 501

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!" (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SERMON - Rev. Laura Mignerone

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

**Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory and honor and
meet the needs of your people. In the name of Jesus, we pray.
AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women,
youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the
north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

SENTENCES

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.

Christ's resurrection we declare.

Christ's coming we await.

Glory be to you, O God.

...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. AMEN.

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" # 518

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to
find.

In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year we will collect food items, clothing items and cash donations for Isaiah 58 Ministries which supplies emergency provisions through their Food Pantry and Thrift Store.

Clothing items should be clean and in good repair. Clothing and shoes for all ages is needed, particularly larger sizes for older Men and Women. Storage Space is limited so only clothing for the upcoming seasons of Spring and Summer is currently needed.

Food Items needed most include: Sardines, canned chili, cooking oil (48 ounces or smaller), Peanut butter (smooth type), Shelf-stable milk, and Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese (the kind that does not need milk and butter added).

Additional items currently needed most include: dish soap, shaving cream, razors, toilet paper and pater towels. Any non-perishable food items are accepted. A poster in the Gathering Space will list other items needed most.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

BOOK CLUB

Our February Selection is 'Midnight Library' by Matt Haig, an award-winning novel about being caught between life choices, regrets, despair and ultimately discovering the potential your life has to offer. Several Book Club members have already read this book and give it a grade of A+. We will meet to discuss it on **February 26**.

GAME NIGHT!

MARCH 12

On Sunday, March 12, join us at St. Philip's from 3:00pm-5:00pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share! All are invited!

If you're planning to bring your younger kids/grandkids, please contact Andrea Tukin so we can be sure to have some younger child appropriate games ready too! Hope you'll join the fun!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

On **Tuesday evenings, at 6:00pm, February 28 through April 4**, we will gather via Zoom with new friends from St. John UCC (St. Clair) for a weekly book study: "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. Each week, we will discuss one chapter, finishing the book during Holy Week just before Easter.

Of course, the discussion will also be accessible each week even if you don't want to read the book--all are invited to participate, whether you're a reader or not!

Books are about \$20 on Amazon--feel free to order a copy on your own, or let Pastor Laura know to order one for you (please pay the church through the offering plate with \$20 with "Lenten Book Study" noted on your check or envelope--if the expense exceeds your budget, but you'd like a copy, please talk to Pastor Laura and we'll work something out).

We'll discuss chapter one on February 28. The Zoom link will remain the same, and will be emailed each week during the study. Contact Pastor Laura with questions. Hope you will join us!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JoAnn Leber	1
Rachel Fischer	3
Lily Swanson	3
Elizabeth Vogt	9
Heather Harvey	12
Dustin Knoll	14
Kathy Vogt	17
Wes Cummings	18
Harrison Fischer	18
Gavin Armistead	20
Cara Holdener	21
Virginia Hladnick	23
Emily Mikusch	27
Joan Hemingway	28
Dave Schiele	28

Please wear your name tag
during worship.

Thank you!

WORSHIP LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices used during worship are
now available in the Admin Assistant
Office as you walk in the door to the right.

APRIL CALENDAR SNEAK PEEK

More info coming....

April 2	Palm Sunday Worship	9:30am
April 7	Good Friday Worship	2:00pm
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
April 9	Easter Sunday - Breakfast	9:30am
	- Worship	10:30am
April 16	Worship @ St. Philip's	9:30am
	Outdoor Worship @	
	Suson Park (all invited)	11:30am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday 2:00 Worship 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	23 7:00 Quilters	24 March CRIER Articles Due	25
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	27 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	28 6:00 Lenten Book Study	1 March 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg	7 6:00 Lenten Book Study	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Hokkaido 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 3:00-5:00 Game Night	13	14 6:00 Lenten Book Study	15 LOGOS (tentative)	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Family Outing @ Museum of Transportation	20	21 6:00 Lenten Book Study	22 NO LOGOS	23	24	25



Our Vision Statement

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,

Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,

Eyes to see the needs of others,

Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



Gail Avery

Joyce Brand

Sandy Ganz

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Pam Kelly

Marilyn Milne

Sue Myers

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

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